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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez

Spring is the season of change and also marks the return of Daylight Savings Time. This serves as a biannual reminder to test, inspect and replace all broken smoke/CO alarms in our homes. We continue to see too many headlines that note the fire department found non-working or no smoke alarms in a residence that had a fire. It's simple, working smoke alarms save lives! The materials used in today's construction of homes and other contents are synthetic in nature which means they burn hotter and quicker. These materials also put off toxic fumes, which increase the danger of inhalation injuries and likelihood of succumbing to the smoke. When you are changing your clock this month spend a few minutes testing and inspecting your smoke/CO alarms to ensure they are working and not expired. If you find a broken alarm, don't wait, replace them! Fire doesn't discriminate, it can happen at any time! It could happen to you, your neighbor or a loved one. Also, take a few moments and review your families fire escape plans and hold a drill. Have your kids identify two ways out of each room of the house and identify your meeting place outside of the home.

March is Mental Health Awareness Month. Far too many of our brothers and sisters are suffering in silence, or worse, taking their own lives because they are facing a mental battle. The OSFM has added resources on our website that have links to organizations that can help you through any issues you are facing. Don't be ashamed or afraid to talk about your problems with someone or to reach out for help. Our jobs are stressful, and we help people on their worst day, so why do we hesitate to help ourselves? We are only as strong as our mental health, and this should be just as much a priority as our physical health.

March is also Women's History Month. The OSFM will be celebrating and highlighting women in the fire service. I encourage any female who is thinking about joining the fire service to reach out to someone and find a mentor. We need more females in the fire service community. There are many organizations out there that have ways to help find a mentor that can help guide you through. This mentor can help you to become a firefighter and then help guide you through your whole career. Don't let any barriers stand in your way, if you want to achieve something go and do it! Visit our website throughout the month as we will be visiting with a few females from across the state and will share their stories.

Be safe and thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to the citizens of the communities you serve and to the Illinois Fire Service.

Employee Spotlight



Jeff Werner Fire Prevention Inspector

Where are you originally from? Born in New York, moved to Chicago at a young age.

Tell us about your family? Kids, Significant other..... Lovely Wife...Janet, no children.

Favorite food(s)? Being from NY and Chicago, I would have to say Pizza.

Hobbies? Aviation and Golf

What's your favorite movie or book? "The Death of Ivan Ilych" by Leo Tolstoy

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? Smooth Jazz and R&B.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? Either a firefighter or a pilot.

What's your favorite part of the job? Being part of that last line of defense for Children and people with special needs.

What's something unique about you? Avid inventor with multiple patents.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Helsinki, Finland

Where is your bucket list destination? Egypt and Italy

Tribute to Jim LaMotte



The Office of the State Fire Marshal is saddened to learn about the sudden passing of former Momence Fire Protection District Chief Jim LaMotte. Jim has had an enormous impact on the Illinois fire service well beyond his 50 years in Momence and the Kankakee County Emergency Telephone Service Board he served on. His dedication to the Illinois Fallen Firefighter Foundation, the Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor Committee and 45-year membership with the Illinois Fire Chief's Association make him an irreplaceable presence in our state.

Thanks, Chief, for your service to not only the members of your community but to all Illinoisans. Rest Easy, We will take it from here!



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The OSFM is celebrating Black History Month. We visited with a couple individuals in the fire service and also shared many other stories about the importance of diversity and how people of color have had a lasting impact on the fire service community.



The OSFM sat down with Rockford Fire Department Recruiter Robert Bo Chaney. He talks about the importance of diversity and how he helps to work with youth in the community to help them succeed. We also talked about his book Rob and Rocky.

<https://youtu.be/Q65vVbaziEw>

The history of Chicago's first Black fire crew.

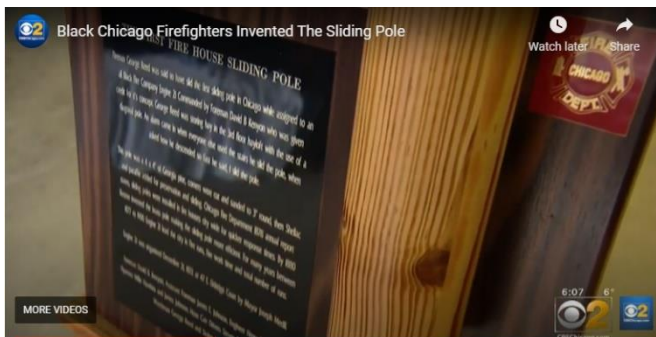
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This story by WAND News highlighting the Decatur's first black firefighter Jerry Taylor.

https://www.wandtv.com/news/decaturs-first-black-firefighter-shares-his-story/article_0c5a6b72-9399-11ec-9b4c-bb6f2ef385fa.html?fbclid=IwAR29t30Totu2iqYM05TpYiwI3O-Ef-fMVHU4XKdpXuNxKRD_Nlc4Q0wW18



Firefighters in Chicago's Engine Company 21 helped invent firehouse poles, and by 1878, all of the city's stations had them installed to increase response times.

<https://www.firehouse.com/careers-education/video/21069843/sliding-pole-invented-by-black-chicago-firefighters-in-1870s?fbclid=IwAR21PnQV6dR2vgNVXPLReFPUXAkrUEIC6wVFIFX86MJqY2LxIwnbpGYao00>

This story is about the Black Fire Brigade helping train future first responders and at-risk Black youth in Chicago.

https://wgntv.com/news/black-history-month/black-fire-briqade-helps-train-future-first-responders-helps-at-risk-black-youth/?fbclid=IwAR1_a7vq8YoDDfdBjBs1YxcN4akwkq0CbpWcMIPMCA1KKLyAHhf2LQRCbvE



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Coffee with the Chief- Chicago



The OSFM celebrates Black History Month and visits with Chicago's Fire Department Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt in the latest edition of Coffee with the Chief. Learn more about the Chicago Fire Department and what Commissioner Nance-Holt envisions the department looking like in the future.

<https://youtu.be/Lvz0Hj3dZUs>



Burn Awareness Week**#NBAW****National Burn
Awareness Week****FEBRUARY 6–12, 2022**

National Burn Awareness Week February 6-12, is an initiative of the American Burn Association. Burn Awareness Week, observed the first full week in February, is a window of opportunity for organizations to mobilize burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in communities.

The theme for National Burn Awareness Week 2022, “Burning Issues in the Kitchen”, where a common risk of injury exists from scald burns, improperly used appliances, and distracted cooking occurs. Annually, in the United States, approximately 400,000 people receive medical care for treatment of burn injuries. In 2018 alone, there were 3,655 deaths from fire and smoke inhalation and another 40,000 people were treated in hospitals for burn related injuries.

“Every 60 seconds someone in the U.S. sustains a burn injury serious enough to require treatment. Be on alert! Stay in the kitchen while cooking and create a three-foot kid-free zone around your stove or oven when cooking,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. “Turn pot/pan handles around when cooking, use rear burners, if possible, place hot liquids in the middle of a table and out of the reach of children and make sure to wear shoes when walking on pavement during hot summer months. Following these tips will reduce the risk of an accidental burn or fire from occurring in your home.”

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), most “fire-related injuries” are burns. In fact, approximately every 60 seconds someone in the U.S. sustains a burn injury serious enough to require treatment. The primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, contact with hot objects, electrical and chemicals. Most of the injuries occur in the home. Today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. Unfortunately, many of those survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and adjustment difficulties

Burn Awareness Week**WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT****Cooking is the number one cause of home fires****PLAN A: PRIMARY PREVENTION**

- The best time to cook is when you are wide awake, and not drowsy from medications or alcohol.
- Always wipe clean the stove, oven, exhaust fan to prevent grease buildup.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Keep a pan lid and dry potholders or oven mitts near you EVERY time you cook.
- Cook on the back burners of the stove when possible.
- Turn pot or pan handles toward the back of the stove.
- When heating food in the microwave, use microwave-safe cookware that allows steam to escape.
- Allow food to rest before removing from the microwave.
- When frying, use a pan lid or splash guard to prevent grease splatter.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you to check on your cooking.
- After cooking, check the kitchen to make sure all burners and other appliances are turned off.

PLAN B: SECONDARY PREVENTION*If your food does catch on fire...*

1. Cover the pan with its lid. A cookie sheet works too. Leave covered until the pan is cool. NEVER move the pot or carry it outside - the pot is too hot to handle and the contents may splash, causing a severe burn.
2. Turn the heat off. With the lid on and the heat off, the fire should quickly put itself out. NEVER use water to put out a kitchen fire. Water will cause the oil to splatter and spread the fire, or scald you as it vaporizes.
3. If the fire is inside the oven or microwave, keep the door shut and turn it off. Keep closed until the oven is cool.
4. If the fire gets out of control- get out, stay out and call 9-1-1. Don't return inside for any reason.

STATS

- 47% of all home fires are caused by cooking
- Adults >65 are at much higher risk of injury and death from a kitchen fire due to physical, visual, hearing or mental impairments that may slow the quick action necessary in a fire emergency.
- Thinner skin of older adults burn faster and deeper.
- Preventing a burn injury is always better than the pain and trauma of medical treatment afterward.

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Grain Bin Safety Week

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), along with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) are encouraging Illinois farmers to set aside time to recognize Grain Bin Safety Week from February 20-26 and review safety practices while working in and around grain bins.

Based on Purdue University's 2020 Summary of U.S. Agricultural Confined Space-Related Injuries and Fatalities (ACSRIF) report, the U.S. documented 35 grain entrapment cases. The 35 cases represent an almost 8 percent decline in grain entrapments from 2019, when 38 entrapments were recorded. The total number of fatal and non-fatal entrapments is the second highest in the past six years. In 2020, Illinois Fire Departments responded to a nation leading 12 rescue incidents at Illinois grain bins/elevators, according to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data.

Rural fire fighters are often the first and only line of defense when someone becomes helplessly trapped in grain. Unfortunately, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue techniques and equipment necessary for a successful grain bin rescue. Nominate your local fire department from now through April 30th. Anyone can nominate the department, even members who are currently on the department!

Click the link below to find the nomination forms and more information.

<https://www.nationwide.com/lc/resources/farm-and-agribusiness/articles/grain-bin-safety-week>



Daylight Saving Time Begins

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) reminds Illinoisians to test, inspect for expired alarms, and replace batteries in their smoke and CO alarms as they change the clock on Sunday, March 13th.

"It's simple, working smoke alarms save lives! Replacing broken or expired smoke alarms will provide an early warning and help prevent loss of life due to fire," said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "Construction materials used in today's homes are made from more synthetic materials which means they burn hotter and faster, while also producing toxic smoke. This means people typically have less than 3 minutes to escape their homes, which makes the early warning that smoke alarms provide even more vital."

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports between 2014-2018, almost three out of every five home fire deaths in the U.S. resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms. The chances of dying in a home fire was reduced by 55% in homes where working smoke alarms are present. In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, more than two of every five of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries. Dead batteries accounted for 25% of smoke alarm failures. In 2021 in Illinois, 80% of pre-existing smoke alarms being replaced in homes that received the new 10-year sealed battery alarms through the "Be Alarmed!" program was found to be non-functional or were expired. Thanks to the "Be Alarmed!" program, in 2021, over 1,000 Illinois homes and 2,268 residents are now protected by new smoke alarms and were educated about the importance of having a fire safety plan.

OSFM DEI Peer-to-Peer Group

OSFM DEI February 2022



DEI Calendar

During the month of February our agency celebrated and recognized the following DEI calendar events:

February 1, 2022 United States/Canada: Black History Month

February 1, 2022 Chinese: New Year

February 2, 2022 Christian: Candlemas

February 2, 2022 Pagan and Wiccan: Imbolc

February 5, 2022 Hindu: Vasant Panchami

February 15, 2022 Buddhist: Parinirvana / Nirvana Day

February 21, 2022 United States: Presidents' Day

February 28, 2022 Hindu: Maha Shivaratri (Shiva's Night)

DEI Internal Efforts

Members from our executive team successfully delivered DEI orientation training to staff on February 15th and the 17th. Employee comments regarding that training were overwhelming positive.

DEI "Peer to Peer" Working Group

Our agency DEI "Peer to Peer" Working Group met on February 24th, where we conducted a *combined* February – March 2022 meeting. We introduced two new OSFM employee guests (Natasha Ahmed – Special Projects and Ian Stanberry- Boiler Safety Division) to the group. We then discussed the following:

1. OSFM DEI orientation training delivery debrief
2. Business Enterprise Program (BEP) update
3. Proposed OSFM Business Card with revisions that include an *option* for DEI messaging on the back of the card
4. Charlene Troyer (Petroleum & Chemical Safety) shared her thoughts regarding an interesting video that she recently viewed about Brandi Grayson and her inspiring story
5. OSFM DEI Action Plan Metrics and what they should look like in 2022
6. Open Forum discussion included ideas on new employee onboarding and incorporating DEI orientation as part of that process

Our next scheduled *Peer to Peer* Group meeting will be April 7, 2022.

OSFM DEI Peer-to-Peer Group

We are pleased to announce that both of the guests who attended our meeting requested and were accepted for membership in our *Peer to Peer* DEI group. Congratulations Natasha and Ian! Any OSFM employee desiring to listen in on the conversation or join the group should contact Deputy Director Armstead or HR Director Schrage. This *peer to peer* exchange is completely voluntary and remains a safe place for OSFM employees to discuss DEI without fear of retribution for their personally held beliefs. We encourage authenticity at all meetings.

DEI Agency Recruiting Efforts

The agency's recruiting efforts during the month of February included staff participation in two Kennedy King College sponsored job fairs. One hosted in Chicago on February 22nd and the other in Kankakee, Illinois on February 28th. We will continue to attend similar events in order to ensure that our agency employment roster reflects the demographics of the communities that we serve.

DEI External Outreach Efforts

We have established a planning group with some of our strategic partners (IFSI, IFSA, IFCA, IAFFPD, MABAS, and the AFFI) to jointly host an Illinois Fire Service DEI Symposium in 2022. We met with planning group members on February 4th to discuss preliminary matters.

What's Next?

We will be updating our agency DEI Action Plan to reflect recent successes and goal completions. We are also looking at creating recruiting and other public facing materials that specifically reflect employee diversity.

Join us this March as we celebrate Women's History Month!



Our DEI Motto

Diversity = Acceptance of all

Equity = Access for all

Inclusion = Participation by all



MABAS Training Summit



Fire Marshal Perez was awarded the MABAS Presidential Leadership Award. This award is presented to individuals for their outstanding contribution to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and to fire, EMS and special operations preparedness in Illinois. Congratulations Fire Marshal Perez!



Fire Marshal Perez pictured with Former IFSI Director Royal Mortenson who also received the Presidential Leadership Award.



Members from the OFSM attended the MABAS Training Summit in Bloomington. They were on hand to answer questions and to assist departments.

Cornbelt Peer Support Class

www.ilffps.org



Illinois Fire Fighter Peer Support

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE

When:

Saturday, April 30th, 830am-4pm

Sunday, May 1st, 830am-4pm

Where:

Cornbelt FPD

506 E Main St,

Mahomet, IL

Cost: Cost of this class is being cover by a grant from the State Fire Marshals office

Please go to ilffps.org and click on the registration page to submit your application.

Any questions feel free to contact us at ilffps1@gmail.com

Upon successful completion of the training, participants will be a member of the Peer Support team. As a member you will potentially meet one on one with peers as well as participate in outreach events. You will also be asked to attending formal events like Road To Help and Re;act. We will also be looking for people to write articles for our blog.

IFSI Minute

AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

The Spring 2022 training season is off to a great start! Recent warmer temperatures and an active campus has provided a great reprieve from the long winter.



SPRING 2022 FIRE ACADEMY

IFSI kicked off the Spring 2022 Fire Academy on February 28. We were pleased to welcome fifty new candidates to the IFSI family. These professionals represented thirty-one departments from twenty-two Illinois counties. Over the course of the seven-week resident program, candidates will complete coursework designed to give new firefighters the practical and cognitive training needed to operate safely and effectively on the fireground.

IFSI highlighted the unique attributes of the State Fire Academy during a live Facebook broadcast on day one of the delivery cycle (February 28). The segment was a great overview of the program structure and provided a relaxed way to introduce our new candidates to viewers. To view the broadcast: <https://youtu.be/QFqAWtJ-JsM>. We look forward to documenting the candidates training experiences through all of our social media channels.



FIRE COLLEGE UPDATE

Plans are in the works for the 2022 Annual Fire College. We are looking forward to continuing 98 years of traditions and training. With consideration for student scheduling needs, this year's Fire College will offer a condensed training schedule.

UPDATED EVENT DATES: June 3-5 in Champaign.

Despite this modified format, Fire College will still offer premier training, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment, tools, and props. Additionally, this elite annual event will be delivered by some of the top fire service instructors in the country.

Complete program details will be available online mid-March. Registration opens April 15.

We thank you for your continued support.
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State of Illinois CRR Taskforce

Illinois CRR Stakeholder Taskforce

Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources

Illinois Community Risk Reduction – IL CRR Process shared at Vision 20/20 Symposium

The 7th Annual Vision 20/20 Community Risk Reduction Symposium took place in Murfreesboro, Tennessee from Monday, February 21 through Thursday, February 24, 2022. The symposium brings fire service, healthcare, technology, and data analyst personnel together from across the country. The goal is to share best practices from community, state, and national levels in an effort to advance an understanding of the value of CRR, along with usable methods of implementation at the local level.



A brief summary of some of most important take-aways for communities considering CRR includes:

- CRR involves invested partners, each bringing valuable insight to the process
- CRR is not a new program. It is an ongoing process based on data that is unique to each community.
- The development of CRR can be slow growing and ever evolving. Focus on one step at a time and be patient.
- Successful CRR involves an entire department, from the newest recruits to the fire chief. It involves a culture change. It is best understood when department members begin to experience the value to the community and themselves.

Illinois Shares CRR SCEF Success

A recent focus of Vision 20/20 is the development of State Collaboration and Engagement Frameworks (SCEF). The creation of SCEF allows a state to bring the expertise and experience of many state level agencies and share resources for the benefit of local fire departments and their communities. A SCEF has greater potential for reaching its communities than a national depository of information that is often unfamiliar to the end users.

Illinois has developed a model of a CRR state taskforce that has been identified as practical, purposeful, and accessible. It is one of the earliest states to successfully rally around the CRR process with buy-in from across the state. It was during the first day of the conference that Illinois delivered a short presentation chronicling their path through a SWOT analysis, identification of membership, mission, resources, methods of outreach and future goals for the state. Still a work in progress, the lessons learned in developing a State Risk Assessment (SRA) were also shared.

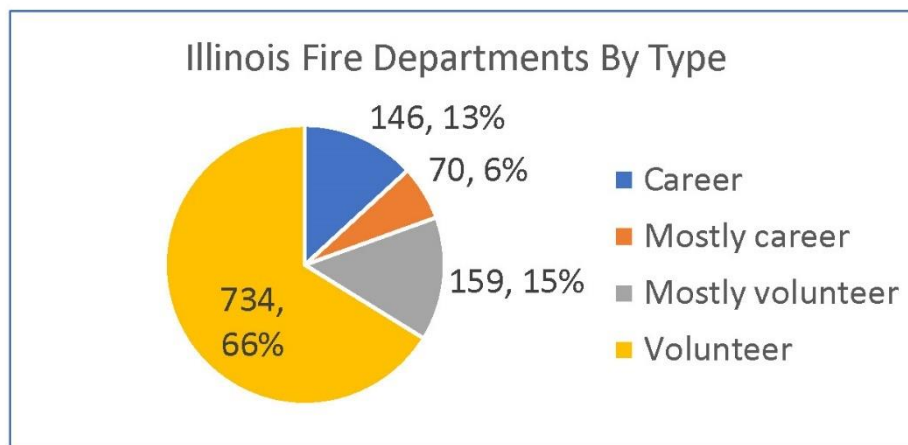
Do you Know?

State of Illinois CRR Taskforce

Here is the first of several 'Do you Know?' segments about Illinois.

Do you know what percentage of the registered Illinois fire departments are each of the following: Volunteer, Mostly Volunteer, Mostly Career, and Career?

The State of Illinois had 1,100 registered fire departments according to the 2021 National Fire Department Registry Summary produced by the United States Fire Administration. From a national perspective the state ranks sixth in registered fire departments breaking down to 13.2% career, 6.5% mostly career, 14.5% mostly volunteer and 65.9% volunteer. This closely mirrors data on a national level which equate to 9.1% career, 4.8% mostly career, 15.7% mostly volunteer and 70.4% volunteer. The State of Illinois shows slightly higher levels of career departments which can likely be attributed to the state ranking of sixth in national population which directly correlates to greater numbers of career departments protecting higher populous locations across the state as compared to national statistics.



Visit www.illinoiscurr.com for relevant notices, links to classes, trainings, downloadable articles for use in your community, and other resources.

You can find more information, along with free and downloadable CRR planning guides, at Vision 20/20's website www.strategicfire.org.

We invite you to contact the IL CRR Stakeholder Taskforce at info@illinoisfirechiefs.org for resources and CRR updates. We welcome your questions, requests, and suggestions.

PS&E Training Seminars



Members from the OSFM's Personnel Standards and Education Division have been on the road providing outreach seminars related to the recertification procedures and recertification task book review, and state vector solutions enterprise platform use and review. The division has several more events scheduled across the state.

Upcoming Seminars

March 17th: NIPSTA

March 22nd: Buffalo Grove

March 22nd: Marion

March 23rd: Salem

March 24th: Troy

March 25th: Society Conference

March 28th: MABAS 27 (Matteson)

March 30th: OSFM Springfield

March 31st: Quincy

April 1st: Bloomington

April 4th: Aurora

For More Information about newly added seminars or how to register Visit our Website sfm.illinois.gov and click on the event you are interested in attending in our calendar section.

Chicago Fire Department Fire Investigator Training



1st ANNUAL FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY:

CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

ATF
CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

When: Monday, May 23-Wednesday, May 25

Location:

Frankfort Fire Protection District Station #3
24420 South La Grange Rd
Frankfort, Illinois 60423

Parking:

Parking is available on the grounds and is Free.

Chicago Fire Department Fire Investigator Training

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This conference is being hosted by the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) Office of Fire Investigations (OFI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Chicago Field Division. Attendance is open to public sector Federal, State, and local investigators and prosecutors involved in any capacity with the investigation and prosecution of acts of arson, fire, and explosives events. This training will be suitable for any members of law enforcement, fire service, or prosecution personnel involved with the technical aspects of these types of cases or investigations.

The conference is being offered at no cost to those attending. However, personnel attending will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, and other miscellaneous travel expenses such as food.

Covid/social distancing protocols will be adhered to while in the training facility.

Participants are responsible for bringing appropriate footwear and any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required by your department/agency for working within a burn cell on Monday and Wednesday. Also, a camera is recommended (not required).

Those attending will need to RSVP their seat at the conference by contacting Chicago Fire Department Training Officer Bill Granat. The attached registration form for the conference must be returned to Training Officer Granat no later than Monday, May 2, 2022 to reserve a seat. *Only persons who have completed the attached registration form will be permitted in the conference.* Completed registration forms may be returned to Training Officer Granat via email (preferred), facsimile or U.S. Mail at the below listed email address, facsimile number, or mailing address. These registration forms will allow CFD/ATF personnel to complete necessary steps to provide adequate space and other related accommodations for the conference. CFD/ATF will provide training certificates at the conclusion of training based on the registration information you submit.

CFD Office of Fire Investigations
Attn: Training Officer Granat
53 E Pershing
Chicago, Illinois, 60653
William.Granat@cityofchicago.org
Fax #: (312) 747-1967
Phone #: (312) 747-5017

Chicago Fire Department Fire Investigator Training

ATTN: Bill Granat, CFD Training Coordinator

1st Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference
Hosted by CFD Office of Fire Investigations and ATF Chicago Field Division

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(As you wish for it to appear on your certificate.)

AGENCY REPRESENTING: _____
(As you wish for it to appear on your certificate.)

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This registration form must be completed in full and returned to Bill Granat (William.Granat@cityofchicago.org) via email (preferred) or fax to 312-747-1967.

Please direct any questions concerning the training to Bill Granat via email or at phone number 312-286-7596.

Springfield Fire Department Arson Investigator Class

PLEASE POST AND PASS ALONG TO OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS!!!!



BASIC ARSON INVESTIGATOR

Dates:

Week 1 – March 28-April 1
 Week 2 – April 4-April 8
 Week 3 – April 25-April 29
 Week 4 – May 2-May 6
 Week 5 – May 16-May 20 (Firearms Range)
 Students must attend all sessions
Length of Course: 200 Hours

Location:

Children's Safety Village
 4521 S. 11th St.
 Springfield, IL 62703

Contact:

Captain Ryan Evans
 Office: 217-789-2170
 Cell: 217-414-6391
 Email: ryan.evans@springfield.il.us

Length of Course:
 200 Hours

Tuition:

\$2283.00
 Students are on their own for transportation, housing, and meals.
Ammunition must be supplied by the student.

Questions:

Email Katie Carlton at
 Kathryn.Carlton@swic.edu

To Enroll Call:

Katie Carlton
 1-866-942-7942 ext. 5396

More Information on our website:

www.swic.edu/pa
 (Go to Menu tab, select Basic Arson Investigator Course)

Basic Arson Investigator Class Southwestern Illinois Police Academy

The Southwestern Illinois Police Academy will be presenting the 200-hour Basic Arson Investigator Class beginning **March 28, 2022**.

This 5-week course for fire personnel is presented over 2 months and includes the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Certification.

The course will be held at the **Children's Safety Village** 4521 S. 11th St. Springfield, IL 62703.

Upon successful completion of the course, the attendee may submit for certification to the Office of the State Fire Marshal as an Arson Investigator.

Attendees may pay the tuition fee personally, but must be enrolled by the training officer or other command officer from their agency and meet the following requirements.

To attend this course, enrollees must meet the following prerequisites (Section 141.336):

- **Employed by a local governmental agency or the Office.**
- **Successful completion of the Fire Investigator Course (see Section 141.334).**
- **Submit a letter of approval from their Fire Chief to attend the course and acknowledging that the attendee will be attending firearms training.**

Certification of an Arson Investigator does not automatically qualify one to carry a firearm. For questions regarding this issue, contact your jurisdiction's legal advisor.

Southwestern Illinois Police Academy will verify all enrollee's certifications and employment through the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office prior to the beginning of the course.

Students must be approved by Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office to attend this course.

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YSFI Calumet City Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Calumet City Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3, 2022

Monday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Calumet City Fire Department
Training Center
24 State Street
Calumet City, IL 60409

If you would like to register for this training, please click here

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Calumet-City-Youth-Firesetter-Intervention-Class.aspx>

This class is limited to **25** due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
Arson Division – YFSIP
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

For further information, please feel free to call me at (217) 415-7206, or email me Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Calumet City!

Simony Weyforth
Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



YSFI Madison Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Madison Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

THIS IS A WEEKEND CLASS

Date & Time: **Saturday**, May 21, and **Sunday**, May 22, 2022

Saturday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: **Madison Fire Department**
Training Center
1800 3rd Street
Madison, IL 62060

If you would like to register for this training, please click here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Youth-Firesetter-Interventionist-Class.aspx>

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Madison!

Simony Weyforth

Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



OSFM Career Fairs Chicago/Kankakee



Kennedy-King Career Fair

Pictured Left to Right: Jeff Werner, Joyce Armstead, Carlotta Passmore and (Not Pictured) JC Fultz.

Members from the OSFM attended career fairs in Chicago at Kennedy-King College and Kankakee that were hosted in honor of Black History Month. The OSFM shared information about the many different careers the agency has to offer and the different divisions that make up the agency.



Kankakee Career Fair

Pictured Left to Right: Brittani Crenshaw, Joyce Armstead, Jeff Werner and JC Fultz

Shout Outs/Kudos

Boiler Inspector Ian Stanberry was at the YMCA in Bloomington when is CO monitor went off. He quickly notified staff and the fire department was called and responded. They also confirmed the leak, and the pool area was cleared, the boiler was shut off and no one was injured!

Great Job!

Mitzi and PS&E Staff

I would like to thank everyone for helping me with this matter. All of you are true professionals.

*Captain Dave Schwenn
Palos Heights Fire Protection*

I'm proud of Alix, Ronny, Jodi and Fred for taking the time to prepare and deliver such a great presentation with a personal touch. The conversations kept me fully engaged for the entire 3 hours of both classes. I am proud of our executive producer JC who not only facilitated the programs but has become an indispensable part of our agency as our PIO. I am proud of Glen and our DoIT friends who made sure that everything ran smoothly and took care of any hiccups that happened. Most of all, I am proud of our employees who kept an open mind going into the training, were open to a new experience and willingly participated in conversations that most likely have never taken place before in our agency. We are all equally capable of having blind spots in the way we look at things as our upbringings and experiences can shape the way we view the world. Opportunities like this week allow us a chance to look at those views and consider that we may be missing something.

Fire Marshal Perez

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PS&E Staff teaching Vector Outreach Presentation

The guys did a great job! I look forward to doing more of these events.

*Rosaria Valenti
Vector Solutions*

Kids' Corner**"Circle the Hot Things!" Worksheet****Stay Away** from Hot Things

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